

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body
Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –
Governor's Forest Health Council**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area
US Highway 180/191
July 14th, 2011
9 AM – 11 AM FHC meeting, 11 AM – 3 PM Wallow Fire tour**

Minutes

Members Present:

Co-Chairs Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts, Don Berry, Sue Sitko, Bruce Greco for Wally Covington, Rob Davis, Steve Gatewood, Larry Stephenson for Mark Herrington, Cam Hunter for Scott Hunt, Christine Dawe for Thomas Klabunde, Mayor Sara Presler, Steve Rosenstock, Todd Schulke, Sandy Bahr for Rob Smith, Ron Williams, and Darrell Willis

Members Absent:

Don Falk, John Metzger, Michael Neal

Public:

Chris Knopp, Tom Beddow, Marcus Selig, and Dave Roberts

Call to Order

Molly Pitts called the meeting to order

Approval of the Minutes from the May FHC Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting (May) will be distributed at a later time by Molly

Summary of Council business since last FHC meeting

None.

Council Representation update

1. Advised that council members must submit an official letter, on letterhead, designating their alternate.
2. Council is looking for an environmental NGO representative; the council member representing Sierra Club is leaving the council.
3. Council is also looking for representatives from ranching industry; Tribe (Scott Hunt making contact with San Carlos Tribe); private sector (Ron Williams will follow up – possibly with Arizona Builders Assn)

4. Names/packets will be submitted to Scott Hunt/Scott to Kevin Kinsall.
5. Molly will follow up with Scott to ensure packets get to Kevin soon.

State of the State Report ~ Kevin Kinsall or Scott Hunt

1. Cam Hunter gave an overview of wildfire season; distributed maps showing all large wildfires; there have been approximately 900 fires in Arizona to date – lower number of fires than normal but higher acreage burned; coordinating restrictions with other fire agencies where possible.
2. Cam Hunter briefed that the Governor's Office is exploring the possibility of seating a new council that would focus on wildfire with broad view – before; during; after fire.
3. Discussion among council members:
 - a. Would like the Governor's Office to involve the FHC in the discussion
 - b. There is a high likelihood of overlap between the council and the new body
 - c. In addition to the FHC, there are many interagency coordination groups representing wildfire agencies - potential for overlap with new body; important to recognize their role; to include them in discussion.
 - d. New body could potentially be a subcommittee of the FHC and this could be accomplished through Governor's Executive Order

FHC response to the 2011 wildfires

1. Christine Dawe briefed that the Regional Office of the USFS hoped to fill gaps that might exist in post fire coordination and outreach. They will be hosting fire recovery workshops. Christine will forward agendas for the workshops within the next week
2. Discussion on Governor's Office view of the FHC in relation to wildfire. Members feel many groups are represented; that the council produced the Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona's Forests and has a depth and may be a resource to the Governor and her staff regarding wildfire.
3. Would like to provide policy recommendations to Governor's Office.
4. Members of FHC will work with Ethan Aumack to develop a proposal to Kevin Kinsall to include to review of the FHC and the membership and body of work that presently exists; consider future value of council and contemplate change to Executive Order identifying mission of the council based on needs of the Governor and her staff.
 - a. Short term – provide the Mr. Kinsall within the next few weeks (Ethan, representative of Flagstaff mayor; Darrell Wills; Don Berry; Paul Summer; Steve Rosenstock; Molly; Christine Dawe)

Wallow Fire Presentation ~ Jim Zornes

Chris Knapp (ASFS Supervisor) and Tom Beddow (BAER Implementation Leader)– group received detailed briefing from Chris and Tom on the fire response and rehabilitation work underway post-fire.

Working Group Updates

In general, due to the active fire season, little work has occurred on the other groups so they will review during next FHC meeting.

- ❖ Coordination Oversight Group/ Climate – Christine Dawe
- ❖ Utilization and Economic Issues – Molly Pitts
- ❖ Forest Plan Revisions – Diane Vosick
- ❖ Smoke Issues – Steve Gatewood
- ❖ Interaction with WGA – Todd Schulke
 - Interaction with WGA – Todd Schulke and Ethan briefed that participation will be solicited by WGA to move seven themes forward from recommendations adopted last February. Anyone interested see Ethan.

Call to the Public

Lunch

Field Trip

Meeting Schedule and Locations

- September 2011 – Flagstaff